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**Title:** SYSTEM AND METHOD OF NOX ABATEMENT

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**Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 18, 2010 (Notice). Please substitute the attached corrected section entitled "*Amendments to the Claims*" for the corresponding section filed November 4, 2009. The Notice points to the phrase "*further comprising a first oxidation catalyst and a particulate filter disposed in-line, upstream of and in fluid communication with the first NOX adsorber*" in claim 9 as being redundant in view of base claim 1 as amended. In response to the Notice, Applicants have further amended claim 9 to delete the phrase "*further comprising a first oxidation catalyst and a particulate filter disposed in-line, upstream of and in fluid communication with the first NOX adsorber.*"